

**Environmental Commission Meeting
June 1, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice-chairperson Greg LoBuono

In Attendance

Greg LoBuono, vice-chair
Veronica Craig
Donna Faulk
Tom Nault
Rita Rings
Gwen Ritchie
Dave Sheehan
Dean Bruewer, Parks Board liaison
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation representative

Absent

Dave Colteryahn, chair
Joe Stoeber

Introduction of New Members—Bob Schappacher

Dean Bruewer—newly-appointed Parks Board liaison
Donna Faulk—newly-appointed EC member

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the May 4th, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles

Roni presented a trade magazine article about bark. Tom mentioned having watched the webinar on pruning. He was asked to email the link to all members. Rita mentioned the air quality resource called airnow.gov. An article about invasive insects was presented. The article was about the Asian longhorn beetle but had a focus on the importance of stopping the next invasive insect rather than the latest one.

Hours Spent on EC Activities

Greg/3.5, Rita/4, Roni/5.5, Dave Sheehan/1, Joe/2.5, and Tom/6.

Adopt-A-Roadway

Roni has May/June.

Parks Board Report—Dean Bruewer

Challenged the EC to play an active role in the planning for Harbin Park and Marsh Park developments, especially with a focus on trees and flowering plants.

Parks Department Report—Bob Schappacher

Jane Vincent of the Civitan Club was given the pack of bur oak seedlings which remained from the Home Expo. Bob gave an update on Dave Colteryahn's health. Bob led a recap of this year's Home Expo. It was suggested that next year there should be a larger proportion of redbuds or another small tree. Newspaper sleeves could be recycled as seedling bags. One copy of the seedling handouts should be laminated. It was suggested that the EC booth be located together with other environment-oriented booths.

Commissioner Reports

No nominations were submitted for the 2016 Friends of Fairfield Forest award. Bob relayed Dave Colteryahn's desire that monthly meetings be held throughout the summer.

Other Business

Dave Sheehan talked about the on-line Tree City course. Rumpke recycling was mentioned as well as the Butler County electronic recycling program. Information sheets would be useful as well as website support. The new EC members offer an opportunity to brainstorm and clarify the EC's role. This will be a focus of the July meeting.

Calendar

Parks Board Meeting—June 21st at 6:00 pm @ Mansion

EC Meeting—July 6th at 6:00 pm @ CAC

Programs

Brush Chipping—June 11th @ Groh Lane, 8:00 am to Noon

Let's Go Hiking—June 18th @ Harbin Park, 10:30 to Noon (FREE)

Senior Nature Series—June 6th @ Harbin Park, 10:00 to 11:00 am (FREE)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm